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Roxbury, Oct. 14, 1873.

Dear Wendell:

Do not think that your father has forgotten you, or that the plan of the chimney, so handsomely made by Charles, was not very fully appreciated. For financial reasons, we all deem it best to forego making the chimney this fall, as it would necessitate the selling of stock, and probably at a sacrifice. The plan we shall carefully keep for consideration another season. I had no idea of so taxing Charles, in the matter of time and labor, and will cheerfully remunerate him for his trouble. Accept my thanks for your prompt action in regard to the proposed alteration.

I should like to have attended the Women's Suffrage meetings in New York this week, and also those of the Free Religious Association, if I could have



done so without feeling obliged to take part in the proceedings. My general bodily debility continues, and the pain and stiffness in my right knee experience no mitigation. I am almost inclined to think that none can be found, having tried so many things in vain; and that I must make up my mind to be more or less crippled for life.

We received a letter from Fanny on Saturday, which I herewith enclose. It seems that Harry has had a return of the noises in his head, but in other respects he is pretty well. I question whether he does not overtax himself in making such long excursions on foot, and ascending so many lofty elevations.

In regard to the Mortgage Bank, Fanny seems to think that, after all that he did to start it, Harry has been "left out in the cold." But I suppose the truth is, that the capital



stock required by the charter has not yet been subscribed, and therefore matters are in statu quo, and are likely to remain so for some time, in view of the financial condition of the country.

Mr. Cabot was married to Louisa Sewall yesterday noon, James Freeman Clarke officiating. Only the immediate relatives were present. Mr. C. was so ill as scarcely to be able to go through the ceremony, and then had to take to his bed, with symptoms of a typhoidal fever. He had been confined to his room for several weeks, but ventured out a day or two before the wedding, but evidently erred in doing so. They had their trunks all packed, and intended to leave at once for a visit among the Berkshire hills. They are to board this winter at Dr. Lucy Sewall's, in Park Place, and will be joined by Mr. and Mrs. Sewall. This will be pleasant for Louisa.



At our invitation, Abby Stephenson will spend a week with us, as company for your mother. We miss Julia very much; but we shall doubtless see her frequently, when she returns to take up her abode at William's.

Frank is improving as to his cold, and is once more regularly at his post at Riverside.

I trust Lucy is gaining upon her lameness, and that you are all in usual health. The remembrance of your late visit is very pleasant, and we talk a great deal about your darling little Katherine.

George is expected home with Annie on Thursday evening next.

Your mother joins her love with mine to you all.

W. L. G.